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1. SUMMARY - INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES JUNE 21 COMMENDED AMBASSADOR UNGER'S JUNE 19 AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEECH AS "POLICY-RICH STATEMENT" WHICH CLARIFIED SPECULATION ON U.S.-PRC RELATIONS, BUT PAPER STRESSED THAT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF TAIWAN ISSUE BY CHINESE PARTIES INVOLVED WAS "ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE." LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS WAS CRITICAL TERM "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA." END SUMMARY.

2. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) JUNE 21 NOTED "THE GREAT IMPERATIVES FOR AMBASSADOR UNGER TO ISSUE SUCH A POLICY-RICH STATEMENT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME AND PLACE." PAPER SAID IT WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY HIS STATEMENTS ON THREE POINTS: (1) EMPHASIS ON "RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR" UNCLASSIFIED

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AS "THE CENTRAL BASIS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY," (2) HIS

STRESSING THAT READJUSTMENT U.S.-PRC POLICY SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH CONTINUING EXPANSION TRADITIONAL U.S.-GROC TIES, (3) HIS VOW NOT TO BETRAY GROC IN CREATING LESS HOSTILE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC AND KEEP IN MIND IMPERATIVES OF INTERDEPENDENCE U.S. HAS AND WILL MAINTAIN IN COMMITMENTS TO GROC. PAPER THOUGHT AMBASSADOR GAVE STRONG CLARIFICATION TO SPECULATIONS ON READJUSTMENT U.S.-PRC RELATIONS, AND SET LIMIT FOR THOSE EFFORTS IN PRINCIPLE. MORE IMPORTANT WAS HIS RECOGNITION EXISTENCE IN PRC OF "REVERSE-CURRENT" AND "REVERSE-POWER." HOWEVER, PAPER DISAGREED THAT TAIWAN ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY BY CHINESE PARTIES INVOLVED. "IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS CASE," PAPER STRESSED, URGING AMBASSADOR UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF LIMIT TO U.S. EFFORTS TO CREATE LESS HOSTILE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC; THERE WILL NEVER BE COALITION BETWEEN TWO SUCH ENTIRELY DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES.

3. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) WAS CRITICAL USE TERM "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA" AND DISAGREED FURTHER TWO MAIN POINTS: (1) PAPER WAS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT HE MEANT ABOUT ACHIEVING PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY MOVING "AWAY FROM THE STERILE AND IMMOBILIZED CONFRONTATION OF THE PAST," (2) PAPER DID NOT AGREE THAT GROC'S INTERESTS WERE INCLUDED IN U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION PROCESS WHICH AMBASSADOR NOTED HAS POSED DIFFICULTIES FOR GROC.
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